



JONATHAN E. FIELDING, M.D., M.P.H.
Director and Health Officer

CYNTHIA A. HARDING, M.P.H.
Chief Deputy Director

313 North Figueroa Street, Room 708
Los Angeles, California 90012
TEL (213) 240-8156 • FAX (213) 481-2739

www.publichealth.lacounty.gov



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Gloria Molina
First District

Mark Ridley-Thomas
Second District

Zev Yaroslavsky
Third District

Don Knabe
Fourth District

Michael D. Antonovich
Fifth District

December 31, 2012

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H. *JEFielding*
Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **UPDATE ON CONSOLIDATION OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
REHABILITATION CENTERS**

This is to provide a quarterly update on the progress of the Antelope Valley Rehabilitation Centers (AVRC) consolidation. On October 5, 2010, your Board approved a request from the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Department of Public Health (DPH) to consolidate the AVRC Substance Use Disorder residential programs located at Acton and Warm Springs into a single facility.

Background

The AVRC consolidation plan included closure of the Warm Springs' facility and relocation of its program and staffing to the Acton facility. This consolidation was implemented in order to: 1) maximize the use of limited resources for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services; 2) bring the AVRC facility into compliance with State and County licensing and regulatory requirements; and 3) ensure a high quality of AVRC services by renovating the physical infrastructure at Acton, upgrading clinical services, and providing sufficient staffing levels.

Physical Infrastructure Improvements

DPH, Internal Services Department (ISD), and the Department of Public Works (DPW) have temporarily suspended work on the renovation of the Acton facility, pending final resolution on the proposal to relocate the AVRC.

Programs and Services

Training continues for AVRC staff members on the delivery of SUD evidence-based practices. To date, staff have received training on Human Immunodeficiency Virus, Hepatitis C and Sexually Transmitted Diseases. Staff have also received training on Motivational Interviewing, Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT), and Non-Violent Crisis Intervention.

The average daily census for the AVRC is approximately 129 male and 41 female clients, for a total of 170. Since the last quarterly update in September, the AVRC had 109 male and 45 female clients successfully complete their treatment programs. The most recent data on positive compliance (successful completion of treatment program) obtained from the Los Angeles County Participant Reporting Systems (LACPRS) for the first three quarters of 2011-2012, indicates that the AVRC had 86.20 percent participation with positive compliance. LACPRS indicated that the average positive compliance for all sites within the County for the same reporting period was 57.40 percent.

Personnel

All currently budgeted positions are necessary to ensure adequate provision of administrative, clinical, maintenance, support operations and services. The AVRC is working diligently to fill current vacancies. Examination requests and transfer opportunities have been submitted to Human Resources. The Chief Rehabilitation Center examination was posted and closed. Human Resources received twenty-two applications and will begin screening for minimum requirements from which a list of prospective candidates will be obtained.

Since the last update, the following positions have been filled: one Substance Abuse Counselor Aid, Senior Typist Clerk, Intermediate Typist Clerk, and one Substance Abuse Counselor.

Next Steps

We will continue to provide your Board with progress updates on the renovation and the development of the AVRC. In the meantime, please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

JEF:hm
PH:1102:002

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors